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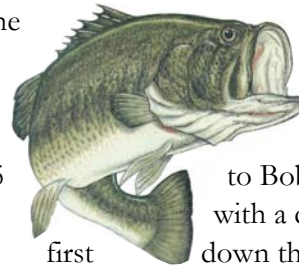
- **Next meeting will be on August 8, 6:30 p.m., at Elmer's in Medford (Next to food-4-Less). We will be pairing for Crane Prairie. Bring the whole Family.**

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## Tenmile, "the tournament lake"

Tenmile is no doubt the most pressured bass lake in Oregon. Anglers typically enjoy plentiful fish with a great chance of a 5+ pounder on every outing. Tenmile is a favorite to the Portland area bass fisherman and it is known as their Clear lake. No complaints were heard about the weather. The much anticipated coolness that the coast offers was appreciated by all after leaving the 100+ temperature of the Rogue valley. Saturday morning started out with a little fog but definitely not the pea soup that the lake is notorious for. Moving ahead to weigh in. That team J&J of Jim Jr. & Jim Sr. Ulrey did it again with a five fish bag of 11.95 lbs. Topped off by Jr.'s 3 pound even big jaw to propel them to a



place victory. Second place goes out to the team of Travis Glass and first time fisherman to Crater Bass, Don Pfaff. Their five fish limit pushed the scales to 11.55, narrowly missing the first place target. Their bag was anchored down by Don's 2.77 lb. Big fish which signifies that all their fish were good ones. Third place goes to Team Cork of Bob and Brigette Moore with a little help from Tristan when he wasn't getting back-seated. Their five fish limit pushed the scales to 10.77 pounds nailed down by the king corker's 2.97 pounder. Big fish of Saturday goes to Bob "Stump Jumper" Ryan with a dandy 3.84 pounder to nail down the honors.

## Ok maybe "cardboard" tournament lake

Well, did everyone like the cardboard boat races? Wow, I never seen so many people at the ramp. For those of you who didn't get to enjoy the spectacle, there must have been 500+ people on the boat ramp from our vantage point, completely clogging up traffic. I think if I would have entered the race I might have had a good chance of passing one of cardboard rafts, but the cardboard Elvis boat would have put up a challenge. Moving ahead to weigh in. The accountants are back! Team Anderson Shaw accountants inc. took home the checkered flag Sunday with an impressive five fish, 15.18 lb. sack, completely foreclosing on the competition by over 6 lbs. Their tally also included the big fish for the

weekend, (which also was a target fish by the way) a income generating 3.98 lber caught by Eric. Second place goes to... Wow! This guy's on the front page a lot, Team Travis Glass and Don Pfaff. Their five fish forced the scales to 9.02 anchored down by Travis's 2.55 pound big fish. Third place goes to team "Band Aid" (Johnson & Johnson) of Lonnie and Debbie Johnson. Their five fish total covered up the rest of the competition with a nice 7.89 pound bag stuck down by Lonnie's 3 pound even big fish. Congratulations to everyone. Overall, the fishing could have been better, but hey, it's July, the dog days of summer.

# Knowledge is power!

Well, believe it or not, almost twice as many fish were caught at Tenmile than Crane.

Now, the moment you've all been waiting for, the info that keeps em' coming back for more, (drum roll please) here is yourrr....

## Fisher-mation.

71 (seventy-one) fish were brought to the scales. 102 (one hundred-two) keeper fish were reported caught . 47 (forty-seven) 46% of the fish were caught on Jigs, ranging from Black/Blue and Brown and Black. 14 (fourteen) 14% of the fish were caught on Senco's ranging from green pumpkin and watermelon with red flake. 13 (thirteen) 13% of the fish were caught on crankbaits. No colors mentioned. 13 (thirteen) 13% of the fish were caught on Yumdinger's ranging from green pumpkin and watermelon with red flake. 4 (four) 4% were caught on spinnerbaits...white. Buzzbaits and Chatterbaits each caught 3 (three) 3% each. 2 (two) 2% fish were caught

on rattletraps. Topwater, Snackstick's, and whooley hogtail's each caught 1 (one) 1% fish respectively.

**71 fish for 131.61 lbs were brought to the scales for a nice 1.85 average, compared to last years Tahkenitch of 71 for 121.09 lbs. a 1.70 lb. average. However, Tahkenitch last year was a bonus fish tournament and 11 bonus fish were caught out of 14 team days and that drives down the total avg. note: Tahkenitch had a higher big fish avg.**

Staggeringly, 46 of the 102 caught (nearly half) were caught in the Coleman arm area!! Followed by Devore 13, Carlson 11, Shutters 11, South main-lake 9, Blacks arm 9, South lake island 2, and surprisingly Templeton only 1. Majority reported outside wood ,wave breaks, and emerging wood as there pattern followed by docks, pads and weed lines in that order. <'((((><

## Tip of the Month- Making Coffee

Ok, so you're on your way to fish and you pick up a 6 pack (pop, of course) and some ice for your cooler  
Ok, here is the tip... buy or bring some salt as well.  
If you put the cans in a cooler and pack ice around them it will take approximately 30 minutes to cool the cans to 35 degrees... (from room/ outside temperature) Fill the cooler filled with ice with water and it will take approximately 15 minutes to cool the cans to 35 degrees... Add a cup of salt to the ice water (mix with your hand) and it will take approximately 5 minutes to cool the cans to 35 degrees...  
It works, try it out.... Cool way to cool down...  
**Source- BBC**

## Tenmile, July 29-30

Crater Bass will heading to Tahkenitch August 25 and will be camping at Tahkenitch Landing. Camping spots are almost full so if you don't have reservations, you better act now. Camping on the coast is higher than everywhere else in the country. Primitive spots are \$17 at the landing and pretty much everywhere else it's \$20 or so. Camping spots 1-8 are for tenter's only for your information. If you have an anchor and an anchor buddy, this might be the place to use it. Usually we park the boats on the docks provided at the landing but space may be limited so don't count on the dock for sure. To make reservations go to reserveamerica.com. They require a \$9 fee for the reservation which I think is robbery

though, but what do you do. They got you coming and going. If anyone needs directions to Tahkenitch let me know.

We should be able to answer any questions at our next meeting on August 8, 6:30 at Elmer's.

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### Correction

In the last issue it was reported that third place went to Jim Rainey and Tyler Cook. It should have read Jim Rainey and Zach Northouse. Sorry Zach. Also on the overall weekend and tournament results the misspelling of Jimmy and Jim Ulrey was spelled Lurey. Not too sure what happened there but my apologies.

## OVERALL WEEKEND TOURNAMENT TROPHY WINNERS

- ★ 1st Place Travis and Don Pfaff
- ★ 2nd Place Jimmy and Jim Ulrey
- ★ 3rd Place Eric Anderson and Neil Shaw
- ★ Big Fish Prize Eric Anderson
- ★ Biggest Eater Zach Northouse... 6+ hotdogs, chips, salad of some sort, and a cheeseburger.

# Why we talk about “How we did it”

At this past tournament at Tenmile, I ran into a gentleman at the campground just outside the rest-rooms. He was practicing for the Tenmile Open that was coming up on 8/5. He informed me that he was from the Emerald Bass Club and asked what club I was from. I told him. He then asked how everyone did out there and I told him that one team had caught 12 keepers and another caught 11 and so on. He looked at me with amazement and I could tell that he was curious to how I knew so many specifics. So I stopped and proceeded to tell him how Crater Bass participates in sharing information after the tournaments. His eyes got really wide with amazement and he commented, “why would you share your secrets?” “I have never heard such a thing” . I then gave him some compelling reasons why; which in the end he said he never looked at that way and realized why we do things the way we do.

**1. The most obvious reason why we share info is, what does it hurt?** Do think that if someone else knows how and where your catching fish will change your catch ratio? Perhaps, but you have to consider the top anglers in B.A.S.S and FLW. Let’s take Kevin VanDam for example. No doubt he’s one of the best anglers of all time and consistently takes home a check. Why is that? Is it because he holds all the secrets and no one else knows of the secret baits and places? I don’t think so. Everywhere the top pros go, a camera is on them the whole time showing where they’re fishing and what they’re throwing. Even how they’re working the bait. You don’t think that other anglers watch the tournament tapes? So why do winners keep winning and the losers keep struggling? It’s not that they have any secrets. In fact Kevin VanDam wins most of his tournaments on Spinnerbait’s. Is that the big secret? Wow! I think pretty much everyone on the lake has a spinnerbait tied on. and everyone on the lake probably knows where he’s fishing. It doesn’t matter. He catches fish because he can visualize what his spinnerbait is doing at all time, almost as if he becomes the spinnerbait. That’s something that can never be stolen through words.

I like to give my example last year at our April Dorena tournament, I had the pleasure of fishing with Brady Dunn on his first tournament ever. He, up until that very weekend had never thrown a Senco, much less heard of one. We both threw the same Senco, on the same hooks, with the same rod and reels with the same line; out of the same boat, and you know what? He out fished me NINE to ZERO!

Why? I tried to duplicate his every movement and for

## Crater Bass tournament schedule

MARCH	25 & 26	TAHKENITCH
APRIL	8 & 9	DORENA
MAY	6 & 7	TRINITY
JUNE	17 & 18	CRANE PRAIRIE
JULY	29 & 30	TENMILE
AUGUST	26 & 27	TAHKENITCH
SEPTEMBER	16 & 17	APPLEGATE

some reason, couldn’t duplicate his catch ratio. Something I couldn’t learn even with him in the back of the boat. I hear this a lot on Pro-Am Tournaments. That day, I was the Am.

**2. Lack of learning kills Bass Clubs.** I have had the luxury of fishing with 4 bass clubs in my short 12 year tournament career. And what I’ve noticed in every club is that the winners keep winning and the losers keep struggling, just like the pros. But one big difference between the pros and the clubs is that there are no tapes to review after the tournaments for the club anglers, so the cycle continues... the winners keep winning and the losers take up Golf or Water-skiing.

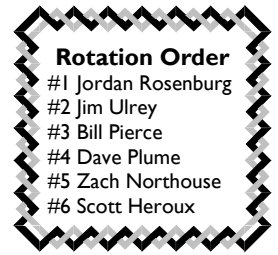
I’m a firm believer that even if you win every tournament or if you take last in every tournament, if you don’t learn something, you’ve wasted your time...Period! If you didn’t learn even the smallest of things to help your catch ratio in the future or help you duplicate or improve your success’s, your doomed to struggle and take up Golf; and that my friend, is what kills Bass Clubs.

Let’s face it, losing sucks and winning is sweet. If your competition is annihilated by you every tournament and feels they haven’t learned anything, you’ll find yourself fishing alone or at least with less competitors, which makes winning less sweet, and the cycle repeats itself. Look at Clubs that fish only individuals. It’ too can be a good format if the knowledge is shared... but, if not, the chances of a new non-boater finding the enjoyment of Bass tournaments are slim. Typically what happens is they don’t catch as many fish as the boater and wind up donating their money every tournament. And to make matters worse, the boater does little to help their catch ratio. You can find many of them on public golf courses today.

The old adage, “keep your friends close and your enemies closer” couldn’t ring more true. Except the word enemies should be switched to competitors. Help them out and share your knowledge. It will only push you to become a better angler yourself and winning will be sweetest of all. And besides, the time you quit learning something yourself, is the time you’ll get left in the dust and should hang up the buzzbait. Throwing all the knowledge out on the table will truly prove the best angler and not the one with the most secrets. The pro’s do it every day.

**3. Club fishing is for entertainment, learning, and friendship purposes only!** I have seen far too many friendships lost over \$15 and a five dollar trophy. Really, what is important? Fifteen dollars? Trophies? Or could it be friendship, sportsmanship, and a way to hone and improve your fishing skills while participating in a friendly tournament? No one is making a living fishing Club tournaments and a Club is a place to push one another by sharing and improving so we can participate in the next level; say... ABA, FLW Stren series, or even higher. It’s a place to find friends with a common interest. We need to make one another better anglers and help each other out to improve everyone’s catch ratio. This will help in ensuring new people joining in on the growth of Bass fishing in Oregon. This will start the perpetuating cycle and stifle the problem that plagues so many Bass Clubs... member participation. Crater Bass can excel to a place where the top three teams at your local Invitational, Open’s, ABA’s, etc. are Crater Bass members. Or even one may hear of a former Crater Bass member who just qualified for the BP top 150. Every Bass Club is what the members make it. It’s a product of it’s environment... It’s up to you.

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It will only push you to be a better angler.

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## The Wrap Sheet

NAME	TARG1 2		TARG2 4		LAKE TENMILE			MONTH				JULY				BONUS N				#M	#P
	#fsh 1	BIGFS H1	day1 lbs	#fsh 2	BIGFS H2	day2 lbs	Total lbs	plc1	plc2	pts1	pts2	T1	T2	M	PJC T	SUB T	PREV.PTS	TOTAL PTS			
BILL PIERCE																0	226	226	4	2	
BOB MOORE	5	2.97	10.77	3	2.25	5.86	16.63	3rd	7th	48	44			5	97	423	520	7	2		
BOB RYAN	5	3.84	9.75	1		0.90	10.65	4th	9th	47	42			5	94	425	519	7	3		
BRADY DUNN	5		9.75	1	0.90	0.90	10.65	4th	9th	47	42			5	94	380	474	7	3		
BRIGITTE MOORE	5		10.77	3		5.86	16.63	3rd	7th	48	44			5	97	226	323	7	1		
CHRIS CONNER	2	3.42	4.18	0		0.00	4.18	7th	10th	44	41			5	90	234	324	6	2		
DAVE PLUME															0	296	296	1	1		
DEBBIE JOHNSON	5		7.96	5		7.89	15.85	5th	3rd	46	48			5	99	217	316	6	1		
DON PFAFF	5	2.77	11.55	5		9.02	20.57	2nd	2nd	49	49			5	103	0	103	1	1		
DUKE BARRIS	1		1.51	0		0.00	1.51	9th	10th	42	41	3		5	91	418	509	7	3		
ERIC ANDERSEN	2		2.32	5	3.98	15.18	17.50	8th	1st	43	50	3	3	5	104	315	419	5	1		
GREG GLASS															0	412	412	5	1		
JACOB WALL															0	94	94	2	1		
JIM RAINEY	2	3.40	5.36	5	2.36	7.72	13.08	6th	4th	45	47			5	97	416	513	7	3		
JIMMY ULREY JR.	5	3.00	11.95	5		7.48	19.43	1st	5th	50	46			5	101	312	413	6	1		
JIM ULREY SR.	5		11.95	5	2.65	7.48	19.43	1st	5th	50	46			5	101	102	203	2	1		
JORDAN ROSENBERG															0	214	214	5	1		
KRISTEN RAINEY	2		5.36	5		7.72	13.08	6th	4th	45	47			5	97	20	117	5	1		
LONNIE JOHNSON	5	3.44	7.96	5	3.00	7.89	15.85	5th	3rd	46	48			5	99	232	331	7	4		
MARY STOKES														5	5	96	101	3	1		
NIEL SHAW	2	1.55	2.32	5		15.18	17.50	8th	1st	43	50	3	3	5	104	428	532	7	3		
PERRY NORTHOUSE															0	20	20	4	1		
RICHARD GALLEGOS	2	0.75	1.34	5	2.67	6.87	8.21	10th	6th					5	5	198	203	5	1		
ROD ROBERTSON	0		0.00	3		4.00	4.00	11th	8th	40	43			5	88	224	312	6	1		
SCOTT HEROUX	2		1.34	5		6.87	8.21	10th	6th					5	5	300	305	6	1		
SHAWNA DUNN	1	1.51	1.51	0		0.00	1.51	9th	10th	42	41	3		5	91	122	213	6	1		
STEVE WALL															0	94	94	2	1		
TRAVIS GLASS	5		11.55	5	2.55	9.02	20.57	2nd	2nd	49	49			5	103	412	515	6	1		
TRISTAN MOORE	5		10.77	3		5.86	16.63	3rd	7th	48	44			5	97	134	231	6	2		
TYLER COOK	2		4.18	0		0.00	4.18	7th	10th	44	41			5	90	216	306	7	1		
ZACH NORTHOUSE	0		0.00	3	2.58	4.00	4.00	11th	8th	40	43			5	88	214	302	6	1		

M=monthly meeting points \*credited back meeting pts. PJCT= project points \*\*Maximum amount met

#M= total meetings attended to date T1,T2= target 1st/2nd day #P= total projects